

we got: from 1997 to 1998, in seizing heroin, a drop of 56 percent; in seizing cocaine, a drop of 35 percent. Is this co-operation?

This Congress passed 2 years ago a resolution asking Mexico to help in signing a maritime agreement. To date, they have not signed a maritime agreement.

We asked for protection of our agents, because some years ago Enrique Camarena, a United States drug enforcement agent, was tortured and died in a horrible death and slaughtered like an animal by Mexican drug dealers. So we have asked for protection of our small number of agents, and we still do not have those guarantees of protection.

We asked for enforcement of laws. They pass laws in Mexico, but they do not enforce them. And what did we get? We got kicked in the teeth like no other nation has been kicked in the teeth after giving them incredible trade benefits. What did they do? We started a sting operation in Mexico, because we knew, and we had reports of incredible amounts of money laundering. In fact, this operation was called Operation Casablanca by our customs agents. Our customs agents discovered the biggest money laundering operation in the history of the world.

In fact, in testimony that we had by one former Customs agent, he told us that he was in the process of trying to money launder over \$1.1 billion for a Mexican official, who was identified as a cabinet member, possibly a secretary of defense, and possibly with ties to the president of Mexico, the current president of Mexico.

Now, we know the former president, Salinas, and his brother and family, were up to their eyeballs in illegal narcotics and money laundering and every sort of crime; but, again, we had testimony before our subcommittee about what was going on there. Instead of co-operation, instead of enforcing the laws, they threatened to expel and even to arrest our United States customs agents. This is a travesty.

What was very interesting, and what I think warrants, what I think warrants investigation, and I am going to ask the director of the FBI to look into it, is the latest death of a former Deputy Attorney General who died awaiting trial here. In a suicide note, he died a few weeks ago, he implicated Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and members of the country's ruling party in the slaying of his brother. He also said that the Mexican Government is opposing a push by the United States Congress to level major penalties against business ties to drug traffickers. This is additional information that we have gotten.

What is sad is that we have information now that implicates even the highest office. What is sad is that the ini-

tial investigation of the money laundering of \$1.1 billion was basically closed down by our Department of Justice, closed down by our Customs operation. That is even after comments by individuals like Tom Constantine, who is the former head of DEA, who said, "In my lifetime, I have never witnessed any group of criminals that has had such a terrible impact on so many individuals and communities in our Nation. Corruption among Mexican anti-drug authorities was unparalleled with anything I have seen in 39 years of police work."

The story gets even more difficult as we look into the evidence that continues to arise about the level of corruption with Mexican officials at every level. We have reports now that the Baja Peninsula, the western state connected to California, is now almost entirely under the control of illegal narcotics traffickers. We have reports that the Yucatan Peninsula is also in a similar state and other States of Mexico.

So we have been good friends. We have been good allies. And every report that we get paints an even grimmer picture.

□ 2100

Finally, we asked the Mexicans to extradite major drug kingpins. The United States, on November 13, 1997, entered into and signed a protocol to the current extradition treaty with Mexico. This protocol has been ratified by the other body, the United States Senate; and it still has not been ratified by the Mexican parliamentarians.

This is a very sad state of affairs, again an example of failed Clinton policy granting them certification and granting them trade, granting them financial assistance, and getting in return none of the requests of this Congress, failure of cooperation in narcotics.

Mexico today has the crown and glory of being the major drug transport area from Colombia through Mexico, again the largest source of illegal narcotics entering the United States, a very dismal picture presented and brought to my colleagues, unfortunately, by this administration.

Hopefully, working with this new Congress, we can turn this around, we can get the resources to Colombia, we can take a tougher stand with Mexico, we can continue to hold hearings, make the American people and the Congress aware of this situation, and reverse this sad state of affairs with our closest ally, our closest friend, in exporting to the United States terror, death, and destruction in the form of illegal narcotics trade and business.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to conclude at this time and, hopefully, be back next week with another report on the problem of illegal narcotics and how it impacts both this Congress, the

American people, and the next generation. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 4:00 p.m. on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RYUN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, October 5.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 5.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 29.

#### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2605. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 68. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 293. An act to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College.